Transfer of leasehold rights under Cantonmeut Act

8145. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3138 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th August, 1994 and state:

(a) the abridged conditions given in different kinds of leases which govern the transfer of leasehold rights from one lessee to another with rules framed under Cantonments Act, 1924 and schedules thereof;

(b) the details of cases where STR is charged;

(c) whether Government are aware that some of the Class 'A' Cantonments working under the Central and Northern Commands have been causing changes in their General Land Registers without any legal documents and without following financial laws and rules;

(d) whether various defaults have been identified and ante-date entries effected in GLRs;

(e) whether' audit has enquired into the lapses and defaults of such canton ment administration;

(f) the details of audit. reports received in respect of the above Cantonments during the last three years and action taken thereon;

(g) whether Government would determine the extent of illegal action by concerned Cantonment authorities as above; and

(h) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALUKARJUN): (a) A Statement is attached *{See* below).

(b) On leases for non-agricultural purposes, Rent and premium is charged on the basis of STR.

(c) and (d) No such instances have come to the notice of the Government.

(e) to (h) Question docs not arise.

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Aeridged conditions given in different kinds of leases, which govern the transfer of leasehold, rights, are provided in Schedules to Cantonment Administration Rules, 1925 and 1937, framed under tho Cantonments Act, 1924. The conditions laid down therein are:

(i) *Lease of Building Siles:* Upon every assignment, transfer or sub-lease of the site of the building to be erected thereon, or any part thereof, notice thereof shall be given to the Military Estates Officer within one month from the date of such assign-ment, transfer or sub-lease (Condition 3 of Schedule VI to CLA Rules 1925).

(ii) *Building Lease fo, a term of thirty years renewable at option of lesste up to ninety years:* Upon every assigimient, tansfer or sub-lease of the premises hereby demised pr any part thereof or within one calendar month
" thereafter to deliver a notice of such assignment transfer or sub-lease to the Military Estates Officer setting forth the names and descriptions of the
parties to every such assigiument transfer or sub-lease and the particulars and effect thereof Condition 1(8) of Schedule VIH to CLA Rules 1937).

(iii) *Building Lease for a term of years not exceeding thirty and not renowable:* Upon every assignment, transfer or sub-lease of the premises •hereby demied or any part thereof or within one calendar month thereafter to deliver a notice of such assignment transfer or sub-lease to the Military Estates Officer setting forth the names and descriptions of the parties to every such assignment, transfer or sublease and the particulars and effect thereof (Condition 1(8) of Schedule IX to CLA Rules 1937).

(iv) *Bidding Lease in Perpetuity:* Upon every assignment transfer or sub-lease of the premise hereby demised cr any part thereof or within one calendar month thereafter to deliver a notice of such assignment transfer or sub-lease to the Militay Estates

Officer setting forth the names and description of the parties to every such assignment transfer or sub-lease and the particulars and effect thereof [Condition 1(8) of Schedule X to CLA, Rules 1937].

(v) *Lease of Agricultural Land:* Not to assign under-let, transfer or part with possession of the said land or any part thereof or any of his/their right or interests therein under these presents without the written sanction of the Military Estates Officer/Cantonment Board [Condition 1(6) of Schedule XIV to CLA 1937].

Purdiase of Advanccid Jet Trainer

8146. SHRI -SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 300 crores for the purohase of Advanced Jet Trainer for Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, by when the acquisition of the let Trainer is litey to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MA-LLDCARJUN): (a) and (b) No Govern^ ment sanction has as yet been issued for the purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer. However, a budegtary a location of R3. 300 crores has been made, for this purpose, in the financial year 1995-96, After completion of technical negotiations with short listed vendors, a Detailed Project Report has been prepared to facilitate commercial negotiations.

Fending cases of pensions of army men

8147. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

SHRI J. S. RAJU: SHRI MBA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications are penn ding with Goverrunent regardingi pen,. •ions of army men;

(b) what are the reason* for delay i4 disposing of these cases; and

(.c) what steps Government propose to take to speedily dispose of the cases?

THE MINISHTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MA-LUKARJUN): (a) to (c) As on 30.4. 1995, 5,135 pension claims of retiredjie-leased Army personnel and 2,168 family pension claims of widows of ex-Army personnel were pending. The oldest pending service pension claim relates to Msrch, 1995 and of family pension per-tai.w to February, 1995. There is *no* delay in settlement of pension claims ot the Army personnel. For expeditious settlement of pension claims', extensive com-putzrisation has been introduced.

Froign fourney undertaken by officcn of Directorate of Defence Ectatea

8148. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: WiU the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) wheether it is a fact that Govem-meat have allowed some of the senior officers of the Directorate of Defence Estates, Central Command to undertake foreign journey;

(b) whether some of Jhe officers have been repeatedly visiting foreign countries;

(c) whether expenditure is being incurred by such cheers much beyond the resources available to them as per the known sourcea of their income;

(d) if so, the facts and details ot the officers who were allowed to undertake private visits to foreign countrica during the last three years;

(e) whether Government will enquire the sources of their income other than salaries etc.; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALr LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. One lndian Defence Estates Service Officer posted in the Central Command has been granted